

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (amended) An apparatus comprising:

a base having a plurality of receptacles, each of the plurality of receptacles having a first dimension;

a plurality of containers; wherein each of the plurality of containers corresponds to one of the plurality of receptacles;

wherein each receptacle has first and second opposing inner walls and the first dimension of each of the receptacles is the distance between that receptacle's first and second opposing inner walls;

wherein each container has opposing outer walls and each container has a first dimension which is the distance between the outer parts of the opposing outer walls and the first dimension of each container is about the same as the first dimension of its corresponding receptacle;

wherein at least one outer wall of each container is comprised of means for attaching each container to the base; and

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes means for attaching each container to each other container so that the containers are stacked one on top of the other while the containers are attached to each other.

[wherein each of the plurality of containers can be stacked on top of each of the other containers of the plurality of containers so that a plurality of containers are held together.]

11. (amended) An apparatus comprising:

a base;

a plurality of containers;



means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base;

wherein each of the plurality of containers is a sealable container;

wherein each of the plurality of containers can be removed from the base and thereafter sealed;

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes a first outer wall and wherein the means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base includes a first recess in each first outer wall; and

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes means for attaching each container to each other container so that the containers are stacked one on top of the other while the containers are attached to each other.

Q3 [wherein each of the plurality of containers can be stacked on top of each of the other containers of the plurality of containers so that a plurality of containers are held together.]

12. (amended) An apparatus comprising:

a base;

a plurality of containers;

means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base;

wherein each of the plurality of containers is a sealable container;

wherein each of the plurality of containers can be removed from the base and thereafter sealed;

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes a first outer wall and wherein the means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base includes a first recess in each first outer wall; and

wherein each of the plurality of containers can be stacked on top of each of the other

containers of the plurality of containers so that a plurality of containers are held together;

[The apparatus of claim 11] wherein[:] the means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base is a plurality of receptacles comprised of one receptacle for each of the plurality of containers;

13 and wherein each of the plurality of receptacles includes a first protrusion each of which fits inside a corresponding first recess of a first outer wall of a corresponding container to temporarily attach the corresponding container to the base.

Claim 15, line 7:

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Form of claims after the current amendment

1. An apparatus comprising:

a base having a plurality of receptacles, each of the plurality of receptacles having a first dimension;

a plurality of containers; wherein each of the plurality of containers corresponds to one of the plurality of receptacles;

wherein each receptacle has first and second opposing inner walls and the first dimension of each of the receptacles is the distance between that receptacle's first and second opposing inner walls;

wherein each container has opposing outer walls and each container has a first dimension which is the distance between the outer parts of the opposing outer walls and the first dimension of each container is about the same as the first dimension of its corresponding receptacle;

wherein at least one outer wall of each container is comprised of means for attaching each container to the base; and

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes means for attaching each container to each other container so that the containers are stacked one on top of the other while the containers are attached to each other.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first dimension of each of the plurality of containers is slightly greater than the first dimension of its corresponding receptacle.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first dimension of each of the plurality of containers is slightly lesser than the first dimension of its corresponding receptacle.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:

the base has a top surface;

each of the plurality of receptacles is comprised of a plurality of walls, each of which extends upward from the top surface of the base.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

each of the plurality of containers has a lid which can be sealed and unsealed;

and wherein the means for attaching each container to the base is comprised of a recess in at least one outer wall of each container.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the plurality of receptacles is arranged in a plurality of rows and columns.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein

the plurality of receptacles is comprised of twenty-eight receptacles which are arranged in four rows of seven columns.

8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the plurality of receptacles is comprised of seven receptacles which are arranged in one row and seven columns;

and wherein the base is a elongated strip and there are only seven receptacles on the

elongated strip.

9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

each of the plurality of containers has a protrusion at its top and a recess at its bottom so that a first container can be stacked on a second container by inserting the protrusion at the top of the second container into the recess at the bottom of the second container.

10. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

each of the plurality of containers has a bottom surface bounded by a plurality of outer walls which define an octagonal shape.

11. An apparatus comprising:

a base;

a plurality of containers;

means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base;

wherein each of the plurality of containers is a sealable container;

wherein each of the plurality of containers can be removed from the base and thereafter sealed;

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes a first outer wall and wherein the means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base includes a first recess in each first outer wall; and

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes means for attaching each container to each other container so that the containers are stacked one on top of the other while the containers are attached to each other.

12. An apparatus comprising:

a base;

a plurality of containers;

means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base;

wherein each of the plurality of containers is a sealable container;

wherein each of the plurality of containers can be removed from the base and thereafter sealed;

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes a first outer wall and wherein the means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base includes a first recess in each first outer wall; and

wherein each of the plurality of containers can be stacked on top of each of the other containers of the plurality of containers so that a plurality of containers are held together;

wherein the means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base is a plurality of receptacles comprised of one receptacle for each of the plurality of containers;

and wherein each of the plurality of receptacles includes a first protrusion each of which fits inside a corresponding first recess of a first outer wall of a corresponding container to temporarily attach the corresponding container to the base.

13. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein:

wherein the plurality of receptacles are arranged in a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns;

wherein each of the plurality of containers includes a second outer wall and wherein the means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base includes a second

recess in each second outer wall; and

wherein each of the plurality of receptacles includes a second protrusion each of which fits inside a corresponding second recess of a second outer wall of a corresponding container to temporarily attach the corresponding container to the base.

14. An apparatus comprised of:

a plurality of containers each of which is comprised of:

a plurality of walls

a bottom surface;

a lid;

a base;

means for temporarily attaching each of the plurality of containers to the base;

wherein the plurality of walls, bottom surface, and lid of each of the plurality of containers enclose a substantially sealed chamber when each of the lids is in a closed position;

wherein when each of the lids is in an opened position there is an opening at the top of each of the chambers, wherein each of the tops of each of the chambers is opposite its corresponding bottom surface, and each of the chambers is bounded by its corresponding plurality of walls, and its corresponding bottom surface,

wherein each of the lids and each set of plurality of walls of each of the plurality of containers are substantially opaque;

wherein the bottom surface of each of the plurality of containers is transparent, so that an individual can see inside the corresponding chamber through the corresponding bottom surface;

and wherein each of the plurality of containers can be stacked on top of each of the other containers of the plurality of containers so that a plurality of containers are held together.

15. An apparatus comprised of

a first substantially sealable container;

a second substantially sealable container;

wherein the first container can be stacked on top of the second container;

a base;

means for temporarily attaching each of the containers to the base;

the first container and the second container are each comprised of a top portion and a bottom recess;

wherein the top portion of the first container can be inserted into the bottom recess of the second container and the top portion of the second container can be inserted into the bottom recess of the first container;

wherein the top portion and the bottom recess of both the first and second containers each include first devices for temporarily holding the first and second containers together when they are stacked on top of one another;

and wherein the first container includes a second device for temporarily holding the first container to a base and the second container includes a second device for temporarily holding the second container to a base, wherein the first container's first device and the first container's second device are different, and the second container's first device and the second container's second device are different.

16. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein

the top portion of the first container is of substantially same shape and size, as the bottom recess of the second container such that the top portion of the first container fits snugly into the

bottom recess of second container; and

the top portion of the second container is of substantially same shape and size, as the bottom recess of the first container such that the top portion of the second container fits snugly into the bottom recess of first container.

17. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

each of the containers contains pharmaceuticals.

18. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein

each of the containers contains pharmaceuticals.

19. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein

each of the containers contains pharmaceuticals.

20. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein

each of the containers contains pharmaceuticals.